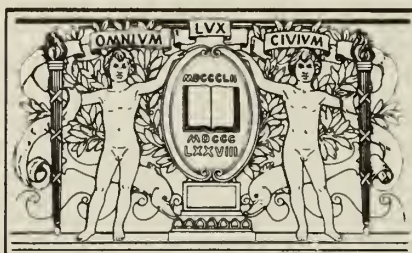


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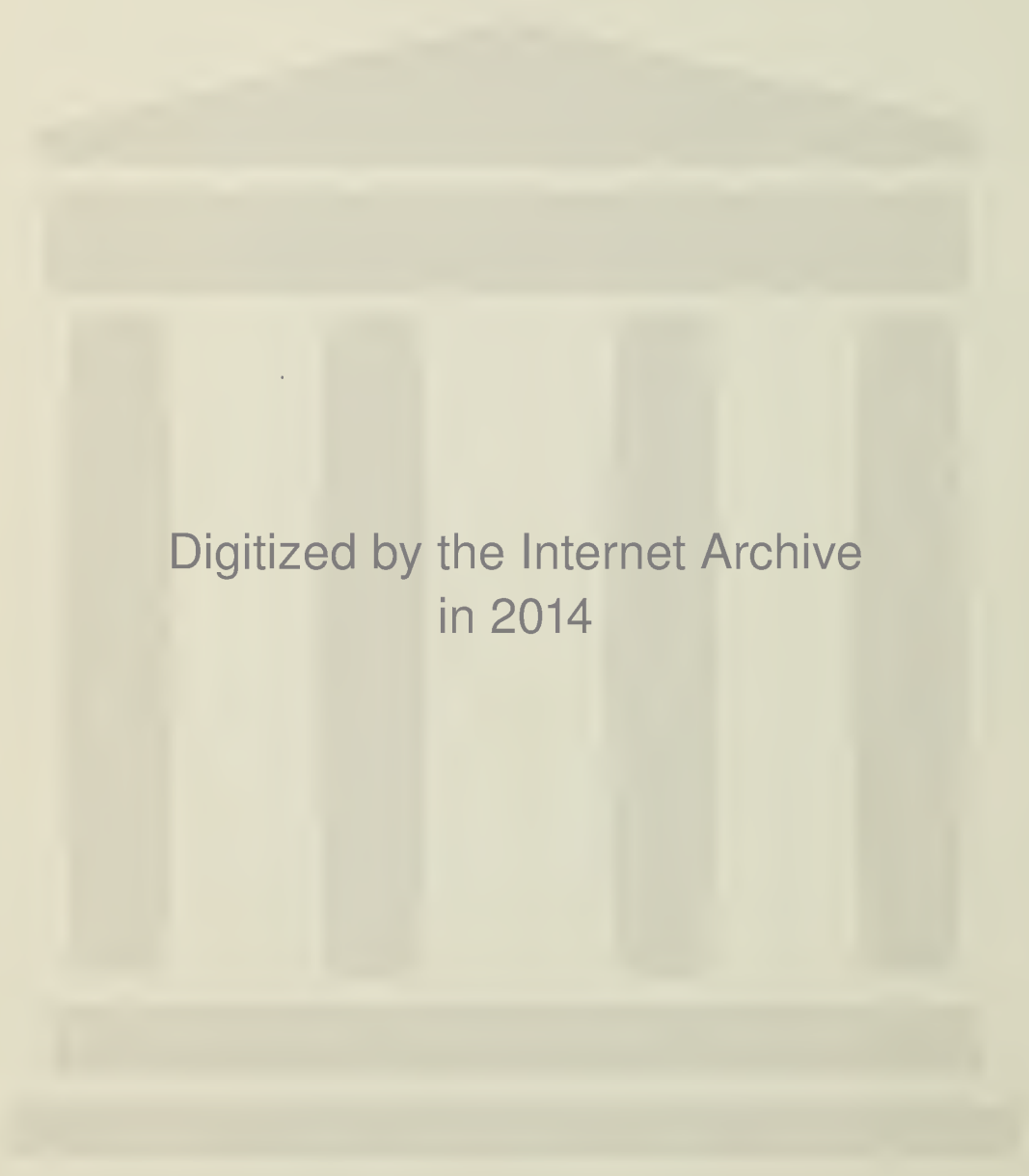
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In compliance with the Rules of the School Committee, I submit herewith the budget for the fiscal year 1956 to provide for General School Purposes of the Boston Public Schools and the appropriations for the Department of School Buildings which provide for the cost of construction and furnishing of new school buildings, including the taking of land therefor, and for the cost of the alteration and repair of school buildings.

Although the appropriations for the Department of School Buildings are voted by the School Committee, the expenditures are not under its control.

The appropriating power of the School Committee is limited by Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1949. (See page 5.)

For the calendar year 1956, Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1949 has the following effect:

(a) The sum of \$748,535, plus any unexpended appropriation balances in this category, may be appropriated for the construction and furnishing of new school buildings, etc.

(b) The sum of \$2,545,019, plus any unexpended appropriation balances in this category, may be appropriated for the alteration and repair of school buildings, etc.

The basis for the appropriating power for 1956 under (a) and (b) above is \$1,497,070,100, representing the average of the assessors' valuations for the three preceding years, such valuations being reduced by abatements granted up to December 31, 1955.⁽¹⁾

(c) The sum of \$21,200,000, supplemented by amounts appropriated by the City Council upon recommendation of the Mayor, plus any unexpended appropriation balances in this category, plus estimated income for 1956, may be appropriated for all other school purposes.

It should be noted that the sum of \$2,047,368, which is credited to the School Committee for 1956 under General Laws, Chapter 70, is to be specified separately from the amount to be raised by local taxation for the support of schools, thereby reducing the latter amount.

On April 30, 1956, the School Committee passed orders appropriating sums totaling \$24,442,218.08 for All School Purposes. On May 28, 1956, the City Council, on recommendation of the Mayor, passed an order appropriating sums totaling \$5,141,647.88 for General School Purposes.

The following is a comparative summary of total appropriations for All School Purposes for 1955 and 1956:

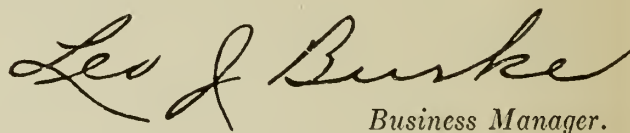
	Total Appropriations for 1955	Appropriations Made by School Committee for 1956	Appropriation Passed by City Council for 1956	Total Appropriations for 1956	Increase or Decrease * 1956 from 1955
<i>School Committee</i>					
General School Purposes	\$26,078,456 16	\$22,352,058 08	\$5,141,647 88	\$27,493,705 96	\$1,415,249 80
<i>Department of School Buildings</i>					
Alterations and Repairs	2,059,305 80	1,952,600 00	—	1,952,600 00	106,705 80*
Land and Buildings	134,775 00	137,560 00	—	137,560 00	2,785 00
Total for All School Purposes	\$28,272,536 96	\$24,442,218 08	\$5,141,647 88	\$29,583,865 96	\$1,311,329 00

⁽¹⁾ Exclusive of the valuations and abatements of motor vehicles.

On February 1, 1956, there were under the direct control of the School Committee 5,743 employees, including temporary and substitute teachers and other temporary employees. The Department of School Buildings, which had 71 employees on February 1, 1956, is responsible for the proper maintenance of 212 buildings and 1 portable in the City of Boston. The number of buildings includes two Administration Buildings, the Supply Room of the School Department and the building occupied by the Department of School Buildings.

Educational facilities were afforded 88,853 day school pupils belonging on September 30, 1955; 6,097 evening school pupils belonging on October 27, 1955; and 2,467 summer school pupils belonging on August 12, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,


Business Manager.

May 28, 1956.

Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1949 now in effect provides as follows:

"SECTION 1. Chapter 224 of the acts of 1936 is hereby amended by striking out section 2, as amended by section 1 of chapter 167 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the following section: Section 2. The school committee of the city of Boston may annually, beginning with the financial year nineteen hundred and forty-nine, by vote of four fifths of all its members, taken by yeas and nays, make appropriations to be raised by taxation as follows:

(a) For the construction and furnishing of new school buildings, both temporary and permanent, including the taking of land therefor, and for school yards and the preparing of school yards for use, and for rent of hired school accommodations, a sum which shall not exceed fifty cents on each one thousand dollars of the average of the assessors' valuations for the three preceding years, such valuations being reduced by abatements granted up to December thirty-first of the preceding year;

(b) For the alteration and repair of school buildings and for furniture, fixtures, and means of escape in case of fire, and for fire protection of existing buildings, and for improving existing school yards, a sum which shall not exceed one dollar and seventy cents on each one thousand dollars of the average of the assessors' valuations for the three preceding years, such valuations being reduced by abatements granted up to December thirty-first of the preceding year; and

(c) For all other school purposes, the sum of nineteen million nine hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Unexpended appropriation balances may be reappropriated for their respective purposes; and, in addition to the sum specified in clause (c), an amount equal to the money that may be given, and the income collected for school purposes, as estimated by said committee, may be appropriated for the purposes of clause (c). Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing said school committee to appropriate sums distributed or distributable under chapter seventy of the General Laws, which sums constitute general revenues of said city.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the mayor, on request of the school committee, from recommending and the city council from passing additional appropriations for school purposes.

"SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 224 of the acts of 1936, as amended by section 1 of this act, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the first sentence, clause (c) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:

(c) For all other school purposes, the sum of twenty-one million two hundred thousand dollars.

"SECTION 3. So much of section five of chapter two hundred and forty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, as amended, as provides that the salaries of teachers in the public schools of said city shall not be increased during a school year, shall not be operative in the current school year with respect to any salary increase which is to take effect on or after July first in the current year.

"SECTION 4. This section and sections one and three of this act shall take effect upon the passage of this act. Section two of this act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty."

Approved April 4, 1949.

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT INCOME AND OTHER CREDITS FOR GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES, 1956

SOURCE	Amount 1956	Per- centage
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	\$63,400 00	.23
1. Vocational Aid	\$63,400 00	
<u>COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</u>	899,379 00	3.27
1. Vocational Aid	716,079 00	
2. Horace Mann School (including travel)	133,000 00	
3. Tuition of State Wards	13,000 00	
4. Classes for Conservation of Eyesight and Braille	17,000 00	
5. Classes for Promotion of Americanization	19,000 00	
6. One-half tuition charges (reimbursed)	1,300 00	
<u>LOCAL REVENUE (not taxes)</u>	118,500 00	.43
<u>NONRESIDENT TUITION FEES</u>		
1. Apprenticeship and Journeyman Classes	7,500 00	
2. Elementary, Junior High, Latin, and Day High	78,000 00	
3. Special Education	29,000 00	
4. Evening and Summer	4,000 00	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS</u>	61,900 00	.23
1. Sales of Products and work done	24,500 00	
2. George Robert White Fund Schoolboy Stadium Estimated admissions, 1956	12,000 00	
3. Rental of School Buildings	12,000 00	
4. Sales of furniture, books, badges, car tickets, etc.	3,300 00	
5. Dog Licenses (less damage by dogs)	2,000 00	
6. Forfeited advance payments (Evening Schools)	3,500 00	
7. Miscellaneous services, charges and fees	2,700 00	
8. Lighting Polling Places	900 00	
9. Trust Funds (Smith) (Stoughton) (Randidge)	1,000 00	
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME AVAILABLE FOR 1956</u>	\$1,143,179 00	4.16
<u>UNEXPENDED BALANCES FROM 1955 FOR GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES</u>	242,312 22	
Less Deficiency in Estimated Income, 1955	<u>233,433 14</u>	
	8,879 08	.03
<u>ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS UNDER GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 70</u>	2,047,368 00	7.45
<u>TOTAL CREDITS OTHER THAN LOCAL TAXES FOR GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES</u>	\$3,199,426 08	11.64
<u>CITY OF BOSTON LOCAL TAXES FOR GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES</u>	24,294,279 88	88.36
<u>GRAND TOTAL FOR GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES</u>	\$27,493,705 96	100.00

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1955 COMPARED WITH APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1956

	Expenditures 1955		Appropriations 1956	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
1. ADMINISTRATION	\$967,669 34	3.75	\$1,024,281 02	3.72
A. General Administration	126,881 69		133,401 70	
B. Business Administration	326,894 78		340,102 32	
C. Educational Administration	513,892 87		550,777 00	
2. INSTRUCTION	20,406,296 68	78.98	21,708,046 50	78.96
A. Educational Direction and Supervision	731,660 31		851,425 70	
B. Elementary Schools	9,001,354 37		9,613,120 00	
C. Junior High Schools	2,183,386 53		2,325,985 60	
D. Latin and Day High Schools	5,305,182 95		5,490,138 80	
E. Special Education	2,201,227 61		2,402,331 00	
F. Physical Education	734,070 83		764,825 40	
G. Evening and Summer Schools	196,877 29		205,702 00	
H. Stores and Other Expenditures	52,536 79		54,518 00	
3. AUXILIARY SERVICES	788,474 49	3.05	817,382 49	2.97
A. School Physicians and Nurses	498,956 97		547,513 60	
B. School Medical Aids	36,639 54		32,159 39	
C. Transportation of Pupils	104,656 57		100,659 50	
D. Extended Use of Public Schools	131,879 65		137,050 00	
E. School Lunches	(¹) 16,341 76		—	
4. OPERATION OF PLANT	3,108,312 11	12.03	3,326,259 95	12.10
A. Office of Schoolhouse Custodian	43,904 92		45,442 20	
B. Custodians	2,095,337 29		2,244,272 15	
C. Fuel	527,723 64		594,352 00	
D. Electricity and Gas	325,096 62		329,616 00	
E. Telephone	75,992 35		81,477 60	
F. Other Expenditures	40,257 29		31,100 00	
5. FIXED CHARGES	565,391 32	2.19	617,736 00	2.25
Total	\$25,836,143 94	100.00	\$27,493,705 96	100.00
6. PENSIONS TO TEACHERS (Noncontributory)	(²) 401,373 52		—	
7. INCOME ACCOUNTS	—		—	
A. School Lunch Account, Chapter 417, Acts of 1950*	1,151,559 97		—	
B. Physical Education Account, G. L. Ch. 71, Sec. 47*	7,605 63		—	
Grand Total — School Committee	\$27,396,683 06		—	

Amount — 1955		Amount — 1956	
Salaries	\$23,664,546 39	Salaries	\$25,016,183 96
Supplies and In- cidentals	2,155,255 79	Supplies and In- cidentals	2,477,522 00
Deficit Appropria- tion	16,341 76		
Total	\$25,836,143 94	Total	\$27,493,705 96
Percentage		Percentage	
Salaries	91.60	Salaries	90.99
Supplies and In- cidentals	8.34	Supplies and In- cidentals	9.01
Deficit Appropria- tion	.06		
Total	100.00	Total	100.00

(¹) Deficit appropriation.

(²) No appropriation from tax levy. These pensions are paid from (a) income received from the Commonwealth, (b) unexpended balance of last year, (c) accrued interest of the Permanent School Pension Fund.

* Income accounts. See pages 9 and 10.

ADMINISTRATION

Analysis of Expenditures for 1955 compared with Appropriations for 1956

	Expenditures 1955		Appropriations 1956	
	Amount		Amount	
I. ADMINISTRATION	\$967,669 34		\$1,024,281 02	
A. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	126,881 69		133,401 70	
School Committee	31,315 40		28,000 00	
Salaries (master, high school, assigned)	\$4,222 00			
Supplies and Incidentals	27,093 40		\$28,000 00	
Secretary's Office	86,333 53		94,893 70	
Salaries	84,778 93		92,913 70	
Supplies and Incidentals	1,554 60		1,980 00	
Other Expenditures	9,232 76		10,508 00	
Salaries	5,508 00		5,508 00	
Supplies and Incidentals	3,724 76		5,000 00	
B. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	326,894 78		340,102 32	
General Office of Business Manager	214,296 83		224,294 10	
Salaries	188,082 77		191,616 10	
Supplies and Incidentals	26,214 06		32,678 00	
Supply Room	112,597 95		115,808 22	
Salaries	104,815 18		106,983 22	
Supplies and Incidentals	7,782 77		8,825 00	
C. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION	513,892 87		550,777 00	
Superintendent's Office	96,685 34		106,947 20	
Salaries	87,830 26		98,447 20	
Supplies and Incidentals	8,855 08		8,500 00	
Assistant Superintendent's Offices	99,029 86		106,697 80	
Salaries	95,650 11		100,497 80	
Supplies and Incidentals	3,379 75		6,200 00	
Board of Examiners	45,980 63		47,991 60	
Salaries	37,699 18		39,941 60	
Supplies and Incidentals	8,281 45		8,050 00	
Supervisors of Attendance	205,142 10		226,333 40	
Salaries	193,359 78		214,083 40	
Supplies and Incidentals	11,782 32		12,250 00	
Certificating Office	16,327 54		17,438 40	
Salaries	15,949 73		17,038 40	
Supplies and Incidentals	377 81		400 00	
Licensed Minors	25,268 54		21,318 20	
Salaries	23,851 62		20,068 20	
Supplies	1,416 92		1,250 00	
Statistics and Publicity	25,458 86		24,050 40	
Salaries	24,618 54		23,508 40	
Supplies	840 32		542 00	
		Amount	Percentage	
Salaries		\$866,366 10	89.53	\$910,606 02
Supplies and Incidentals		101,303 24	10.47	113,675 00
Total		\$967,669 34	100.00	\$1,024,281 02

INSTRUCTION

Analysis of Expenditures for 1955 compared with Appropriations for 1956

		Expenditures 1955	Amount	Appropriations 1956	Amount
2.	INSTRUCTION		\$20,406,296 68		\$21,708,046 50
A.	Educational Direction and Supervision		731,660 31		851,425 70
	Salaries	\$693,955 50		\$813,762 70	
	Supplies and Incidentals	37,704 81		37,663 00	
B.	Elementary Schools		9,001,354 37		9,613,120 00
	Salaries	8,812,347 32		9,355,354 00	
	Supplies and Incidentals	189,007 05		257,766 00	
C.	Junior High Schools		2,183,386 53		2,325,985 60
	Salaries	2,122,041 22		2,244,854 60	
	Supplies and Incidentals	61,345 31		81,131 00	
D.	Latin and Day High Schools		5,305,182 95		5,490,138 80
	Salaries	5,108,758 87		5,208,287 80	
	Supplies and Incidentals	196,424 08		281,851 00	
E.	Special Education		2,201,227 61		2,402,331 00
	Salaries	1,987,761 28		2,156,174 00	
	Supplies and Incidentals	213,466 33		246,157 00	
F.	Physical Education*		734,070 83		764,825 40
	Salaries	610,816 80		632,187 90	
	Supplies and Incidentals	123,254 03		132,637 50	
G.	Evening and Summer Schools		196,877 29		205,702 00
	Salaries	184,380 50		192,136 00	
	Supplies and Incidentals	12,496 79		13,566 00	
H.	Stores and Other Expenditures		52,536 79		54,518 00
	Supplies and Incidentals			179,518 00	
	Less: Stores to be allocated			125,000 00	
		Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
	Salaries	\$19,520,061 49	95.66	\$20,602,757 00	94.91
	Supplies and Incidentals	886,235 19	4.34	1,105,289 50	5.09
	Total	\$20,406,296 68	100.00	\$21,708,046 50	100.00

* Expenditures for Physical Education, 1955

From

	(1) Income G. L. Ch. 71, Sec. 47	Appropriation	Total
Salaries	—	\$610,816 80	\$610,816 80
Supplies and Incidentals	\$7,605 63	123,254 03	130,859 66
	\$7,605 63	\$734,070 83	\$741,676 46

(1) See page 7.

AUXILIARY SERVICES

Analysis of Expenditures for 1955 compared with Appropriations for 1956

		Expenditures 1955	Appropriations 1956
		Amount	Amount
3.	AUXILIARY SERVICES	\$788,474 49	\$817,382 49
A.	School Physicians and Nurses	498,956 97	517,513 60
	Salaries	\$484,100 78	\$531,193 60
	Supplies and Incidentals	14,856 19	16,320 00
B.	School Medical Aids	36,639 54	32,159 39
	Salaries	36,639 54	32,159 39
C.	Transportation of Pupils	104,656 57	100,659 50
	Supplies and Incidentals	104,656 57	100,659 50
D.	Extended Use of Public Schools	131,879 65	137,050 00
	Salaries	126,377 50	131,450 00
	Supplies and Incidentals	5,502 15	5,600 00
E.	School Lunches*	(1) 16,341 76	
		Amount	Percentage
	Salaries	\$647,117 82	82.07
	Supplies and Incidentals	125,014 91	15.86
	(1) Deficit Appropriation	16,341 76	2.07
	Total	\$788,474 49	100.00
		Amount	Percentage
	Salaries	\$694,802 99	85.00
	Supplies and Incidentals	122,579 50	15.00
	(1) Deficit Appropriation		
	Total	\$817,382 49	100.00

* Expenditures for School Lunches, 1955	From		
	(²) Income Ch. 417, Acts of 1950	Deficit Appropri- ation	Total
Salaries	\$324,116 14	—	\$324,116 14
Supplies and Incidentals	827,443 83	\$16,341 76	843,785 59
	\$1,151,559 97	\$16,341 76	\$1,167,901 73

(²) See page 7.

OPERATION OF PLANT
Analysis of Expenditures for 1955 compared with Appropriations for 1956

		Expenditures 1955	Appropriations 1956
		Amount	Amount
4. OPERATION OF PLANT		\$3,108,312 11	\$3,326,259 95
A. Office of Schoolhouse Custodian		43,904 92	45,442 20
Salaries	\$39,268 16		\$43,432 20
Supplies and Incidentals	4,636 76		2,010 00
B. Custodians		2,095,337 29	2,244,272 15
Salaries	2,047,604 41		2,169,372 15
Supplies and Incidentals	47,732 88		74,900 00
C. Fuel		527,723 64	594,352 00
Supplies and Incidentals	527,723 64		594,352 00
D. Electricity and Gas		325,096 62	329,616 00
Electricity	271,187 92		275,000 00
Gas	43,536 35		45,000 00
Incandescent Electric Lamps	10,372 35		9,616 00
E. Telephone		75,992 35	81,477 60
Salaries	9,328 03		9,477 60
Supplies and Incidentals	66,664 32		72,000 00
F. Other Expenditures		40,257 29	31,100 00
Supplies and Incidentals	40,257 29		31,100 00

	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Salaries	\$2,096,200 60	67.44	\$2,222,281 95	66.81
Supplies and Incidentals	1,012,111 51	32.56	1,103,978 00	33.19
Total	\$3,108,312 11	100.00	\$3,326,259 95	100.00

FIXED CHARGES **Analysis of Expenditures for 1955 compared with Appropriations for 1956**

	Expenditures 1955	Appropriations 1956		
	Amount	Amount		
5. FIXED CHARGES	\$565,391 32	\$617,736 00		
A. Pensions to Veterans	509,647 24	554,020 00		
B. Pension to Janitress-Matron	588 59			
C. Pension to Teacher (Chapter 744, Acts of 1950)	2,616 00	2,616 00		
D. Annuity to Widow and Child (G.L. Chapter 32, Section 89A)	1,599 96	1,600 00		
E. Services of City Collector-Treasurer — Custodian of Teachers' Retirement Fund	2,499 96	2,500 00		
F. Workmen's Compensation	17,848 63	25,000 00		
G. Medical Services	6,438 45	8,000 00		
H. Tuition	13,394 92	13,000 00		
Tuition of pupils attending schools outside of Boston	\$6,661 42	\$7,000 00		
Tuition of physically-handicapped children instructed in outside towns	6,733 50	6,000 00		
I. Payments for athletics, physical education, shop and laboratory injuries to pupils .	10,757 57	11,000 00		
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Salaries	\$534,800 38	94.59	\$585,736 00	94.82
Supplies and Incidentals	30,590 94	5.41	32,000 00	5.18
Total	\$565,391 32	100.00	\$617,736 00	100.00

PENSIONS TO TEACHERS*
(Noncontributory)

Pensions to teachers retired under the provisions of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 1951, as amended by Chapter 594 of the Acts of 1955, and Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952

— †

* Pensions to teachers who were retired before the establishment of the Boston Retirement System, or who have not become members of such system or of the State-Boston Retirement System.

† No appropriation from tax levy to be made. These pensions will be paid from (a) the income received from the Commonwealth, (b) the unexpended balance of last year, (c) the accrued interest of the Permanent School Pension Fund.

DIVISION OF TAX RATE BASED ON GROSS APPROPRIATIONS 1946-1955

YEAR	State Tax	County Tax	Schools	Other City Depart- ments	Total City and Schools	Total Tax	Schools Per Cent of Total
1946	\$0 96	\$2 12	\$8 91	\$30 01	\$38 92	\$42 00	21.2
1947	1 22	2 27	9 76	33 25	43 01	46 50	21.0
1948	81	2 37	10 78	39 44	50 22	53 40	20.2
1949	3 13	2 37	11 19	40 11	51 30	56 80	19.7
1950	1 47	2 78	12 92	45 83	58 75	63 00	20.5
1951	1 21	2 83	12 21	46 55	58 76	62 80	19.4
1952	2 87	2 90	13 09	47 94	61 03	66 80	19.6
1953	3 49	3 04	12 50	51 67	64 17	70 70	17.7
1954	3 53	3 00	12 40	50 87	63 27	69 80	17.8
1955	2 82	2 91	15 09	48 98	64 07	69 80	21.6

AMOUNTS CERTIFIED TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION 1946-1956

The following amounts have been certified to the Board of Assessors to be raised by taxation for all school purposes, exclusive of interest, sinking fund and serial debt requirements, beginning with the fiscal year 1946.

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL
1946	\$15,527,693 26
1947	17,851,668 32
1948	20,326,467 36
1949	21,733,494 50
1950	22,341,485 25
1951	22,738,085 49
1952	25,072,935 96
1953	23,149,546 52
1954	23,660,809 03
1955	24,911,446 77
1956	26,384,439 88

CITY OF BOSTON
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